

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2533 - HB 2531**

February 7, 1998

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Allows two or more community mental health centers to negotiate and enter into cooperative agreements. Such agreements may be submitted to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for approval of Certificate of Public Advantage. The department shall give notice of the application under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and allow intervention by interested parties such as hospitals, physicians, insurers, HMO's, or medical service corporations. Any other affected state departments may also comment and applications are to be reviewed by the Attorney General. The department shall issue the certificate if the department determines that the likely benefits outweigh any disadvantages from a reduction in competition. Any applicant or intervenor is entitled to judicial review under the UAPA, if they disagree with the department's decision. Agreements approved under this act are not subject to state law on restraint of trade. The department may levy reasonable application fees to cover the costs to administer the act.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**  
**Increase State Revenues - Not Significant**

Expenditures for program administration by the department are not estimated to be significant. Fees are not estimated to be significant. Any indirect impact to the state would occur over the long term and would depend upon savings brought about as the result of allowing such cooperative agreements.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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